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Subject: Draft Environmental Justice Plan by DPR

I am a PMAC member and have the following comments to make on the draft Environmental Justice Plan sent to me by CDPR Director, Paul Helliker.

The draft seems well thought out and written. I cannot disagree with the philosophy behind this initiative, as I am a strong believer in justice of all types. I do question the cost associated with implementing such a program in these times of severe budget reductions at CDPR and elsewhere in State government. Without estimated costs of delivering the actions specified in the draft EJP, and a timeline for implementation, I cannot give my unqualified support for this plan. In essence, it appears that this plan, if implemented, will cost CDPR money at a time when other key agency functions are being eliminated (e.g. pest management grant programs, concurrent registration of reduced-risk pesticides with USEPA).

Respectfully submitted,

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